

**Cold Spring City Council  
Special Meeting  
June 8, 2015**

The special meeting of the Cold Spring City Council, as advertised was called to order at 7:15 pm by Mayor Mark Stoeber. Roll call showed the following members present – Lou Gerding, Brenda Helton, Roger Jones, and Adam Sandfoss – excused were Chris Ampfer and Lisa Cavanaugh. Also present were Police Chief Brian Messer, City Clerk Rita Seger, and Administrative Officer Steve Taylor.

Mayor Stoeber pointed out exits from Council Chambers, per Fire Department regulations.

Mayor Stoeber stated that typically the mayor has a budget proposal/message to council. It is a formalized process required by K.R.S. and since we don't have cameras here tonight and he would rather do it on camera, he is proposing that he move the budget proposal/message to the next council meeting.

**Ordinance 15-1017 was read in summary form for the first time, amending the FY 2014-2015 budget.** Lou Gerding made a **motion for approval** and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed four yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

**Ordinance 15-1018 was read in summary form for the first time, adopting the budget along with the pay plan for the FY 2015-2016 budget.** Adam Sandfoss made a **motion for approval** and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. Mayor Stoeber thanked council for all of their help as we moved through the changes and he thanked the departments as we moved through the adjustments. Roll call vote showed four yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

Lou Gerding made a motion to adjourn the June 8, 2015 special meeting at 7:19 pm and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approved:**

**City Clerk:**

**Mayor:**

## Cold Spring City Council June 22, 2015

The regular meeting of the Cold Spring City Council was called to order by Mayor Mark Stoeber, who stated we have a wonderful evening of celebration tonight. One police officer is being honored and recognized for his long time service. We are also here to recognize and congratulate Police Chief Brian Messer. A moment of silence was held in honor of Police Officer Sonny Kim who was killed in the line of duty, his family, the Cincinnati police department and police departments in general. We recognize and thank them for all that they do. Pledge to the flag and prayer was led by the city clerk. Roll call showed the following council members present –Lisa Cavanaugh, Lou Gerding, Brenda Helton, and Roger Jones – excused were Chris Ampfer and Adam Sandfoss. Also present were Police Chief Brian Messer, Administrative Officer Stephen Taylor, City Clerk Rita Seger, and Attorney Tim Spille who was representing City Attorney Brandon Voelker.

Mayor Stoeber pointed out exits from Council Chambers, per Fire Department regulations.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Under items of interest to community, Mayor Stoeber stated that the Trunk Sale was held on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Carole Huber Municipal Ballfield. Our Park Board works very hard, but unfortunately many of the events are subject to the conditions of the weather. It had rained the night before the Trunk Sale, but even so there were a little over a dozen residents from the community who set up and sold their goods, and there were some sales throughout the morning. The Movie in the Park was scheduled for Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and we had torrential rains that day. The scheduled movie was Paddington, and Radio Station 94.9 was scheduled to do a simulcast. They also had pizza and a photo booth scheduled but it was cancelled due to the bad weather.

The minutes of the May 27, 2015 special council meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Lisa Cavanaugh seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the June 8, 2015 Municipal Aid Road Fund public hearing meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Brenda Helton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the June 8, 2015 special council meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Roger Jones seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There were no scheduled or unscheduled guests.

There were several items of old business.

**Ordinance 15-1016 was read in summary form for the second time for the adoption a zone map amendment for Paulena Drive, changing the zoning from R-RE to R-1DD.** Brenda Helton made a motion to adopt this ordinance, and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed four yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

**Ordinance 15-1017 was read in summary form for the second time, for the adoption of the amended budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.** Lou Gerding made a motion to adopt this ordinance and Roger Jones seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed four yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Stoeber stated that council along with the department heads and Police Chief Messer have worked very hard on the upcoming budget. As required by law, Mayor Stoeber stated that he will deliver his budget message and then we will have the second reading of that ordinance.

Mayor Stoeber explained the guidelines and requirements of Kentucky law regarding the financial administration of the cities in this Commonwealth of Kentucky. He reviewed the goals of the 2015 / 2016 budget year and outlined the important features such as allocations to the police department and repair, resurfacing and /or replacement of various city streets. He explained the reason for proposed changes to reflect the city's desire for its' citizens to be safe and secure and to also provide a recreation program for our citizens and to make the city an attractive place to live in, now and the future. He explained the fiscal policy changes which focused on short and long term planning objectives. The budget is a culmination of those combined efforts.

**Ordinance 15-1018 was read in summary form for the second time, for the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget along the with Pay Plan.** Mayor Stoeber stated that the last two months have had a lot of moving pieces going on at the same time. With the appointment of a new police chief and generating a new budget, Chief Messer has had the opportunity of looking at the structure of that department and how to fill in replacements. Brian Messer is looking to fill his vacant position of Sergeant internally and those details will be worked out shortly. With the departure of the former police chief there is an opening in that department. It is at the staff officer level and we have not had a lateral hire in the department in over 13 years, so a section of our pay plan was 13 years old. There probably wouldn't be much success in hiring a lateral since the pay plan was behind in the wage structure for lateral hires. Mayor Stoeber instructed council that he has placed before them an updated section of the pay plan for lateral officers and it has been updated to a current wage structure. This second reading this evening, incorporates this update and that is the only change from the first reading. Lou Gerding made a **motion to adopt** this ordinance, and Roger Jones seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed four yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

There was no new business.

Departmental reports were submitted to council in writing.

Council comments followed.

Lisa Cavanaugh congratulated Brian Messer for his appointment and she thanked Wayne Hall for stepping in. She thanked the entire police department, both here and everywhere. They put their badges on and go out in the morning and represent the law and we never know what will happen in a day. Councilwoman Cavanaugh also stated that it will be the city's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June of 2016. She is in charge of this and her goal right now is to get the word out to people that she is looking for any old, historical information, pictures, etc. She is hoping that people will look in their storage boxes. She is very hopeful of what might turn up and asked everyone to please spread the word. Councilwoman Cavanaugh can be contacted through the city. Also there is a rumor that there might be a time capsule buried, from around the era of 1951, and she is trying to find out if anyone has heard about that and if they would know if this is a legitimate rumor or not. She would appreciate any suggestions. If we don't have a time capsule, we will be creating one.

Attorney Tim Spille thanked council for having him here and he congratulated Chief Messer on his appointment.

Mayor Stoeber invited Lieutenant Wayne Hall to step forward. The city has gone through a transition period this year, and Wayne Hall stepped in to lead our police department with not one hiccup or change at all. In general for all workers let alone city employees, change is troubling so you are always wondering what is going on. With this particular change affecting the office the police chief, and during the three months when he was not an elected official but just a resident, Mayor Stoeber continued to be very proud of our police department and he continued to receive compliments about them. That was because of the integrity of the department under the leadership of Lt. Wayne Hall. The department was bound and determined to keep their high standards and also because they care so much about the city and they weren't going to allow any type of turmoil to cause an issue.

Mayor Stoeber stated that Lt. Hall did a fabulous job as acting chief and he read a proclamation to Wayne Hall for his accomplishments. A round of applause followed.

Mayor Stoeber stated that it is thrilling to announce that technically, Brian Messer was sworn in as Police Chief on June 1, 2015 since we needed to have him in office and begin digging in right away. However, we certainly don't want to have the technical side of things overlook the honor of having his promotion as chief recognized. He thanked Brian Messer's family, friends, and co-workers for being here. The City Clerk ceremonially issued the Oath of Office to Police Chief Colonel Brian Messer, which was followed by a round of applause.

Mayor Stoeber invited Brian Messer's wife and sons to step forward with Chief Messer. He stated that there are certain pieces of this promotion which are the visible recognition of the rank of Police Chief. With this are the lapel pins and the Chief's badge and also a designated Chief's wallet badge which he will always carry with him. Police service is a full time job as well as a full time family job because the police need the loving support of their family. That is extremely important. Mayor Stoeber invited Brian Messer's wife to pin his badge on, and his sons to present him with his wallet badge. Brian Messer was presented with a framed copy of his Oath of Office along with a framed copy of his Press Release announcement. Mayor Stoeber stated that he is thrilled for him and his family whose love and support allows him to do what he does.

Brian Messer thanked the Mayor and Council for giving him this opportunity. It is an honor to be promoted as Police Chief. He thanked everyone who came tonight and it means a lot to him. Like the Mayor stated, without his family he would not be here. For the police officers who are here tonight and to those who could not be here tonight, Chief Messer stated that as a

police officer and not just as a chief, they are the best group of guys that he has every worked with. There is nothing that they can't accomplish. A round of applause followed.

Mayor Stoeber stated that we are honored to have a Kentucky Senator here tonight, taking time out of his day to recognize and congratulate Brian Messer. He introduced Kentucky Senator Wil Schroder. Senator Schroder stated that it is an exciting night and it is good to come here and see all of the smiling faces. Cold Spring really does have a great police department. Crime has increased in Campbell County and across all of Northern Kentucky, and when he worked with our police department he did not hear them complain one time. They took pride in their jobs and are great officers to work with. He is here tonight in his senate capacity with a citation from the Commonwealth of Kentucky which he read to Police Chief Brian Messer, recognizing his accomplishments throughout the years and extending thanks, best wishes and recognition to him. A round of applause followed.

Senator Schroder added that what this citation didn't mention is Chief Messer's involvement in the D.A.R.E. program. He had the opportunity as an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney to be a part of that program and it was amazing how well the Chief related to fifth graders and how much they looked up to him. It is important that with all of the duties that he has to do, it is really neat to see him going into the schools and that is very important too. Senator Schroder offered Police Chief Messer his congratulations.

Mayor Stoeber stated that several members of the broad-based and functional hiring committee that he put together recently are here tonight. Because of their input he felt extremely confident of Brian Messer's promotion and also got to know far more about Brian Messer through that process. He thanked the committee members here tonight, Bill Von Strohe, Angelo Penque, and Lou Gerding, and he heard from Judge Popovich, Chief Schutte, Joe Heil, and Chief Schultz. They expressed their congratulations and regrets that they couldn't make it tonight but they are very excited for Brian Messer.

Lisa Cavanaugh made motion to adjourn the June 22, 2015 council meeting at 8:06 pm and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approved:**

**City Clerk:**

**Mayor:**